

Government Commission Report Attacked by Government

Borden Does Not Like Charge of Dishonesty

Ottawa, March 26. — When the Commons met today Hon. Mr. Fielding tabled the civil service commission report. The report deals rather severely with the departments of marines and fisheries, and militia and also with the methods of voting supplies in parliament and conducting investigations therein which relate to the public accounts committee. The report is bulky, covering 77 pages and there are also two volumes of printed evidence and several appendices. Mr. Fielding said he would have preferred presenting the report in printed form, but to avoid delay he presented it in manuscript.

Hon. Mr. Broderick immediately rose and referring to the portion of the report made by commissioners Ryals and Babin, said, in general, but in unmistakable terms, that they charge the officials of his department with dishonesty but give no names nor do they make any clear or specific charges, upon which he could act. A couple of cases were cited, apparently to support his contention, but the impressions are at variance with facts. After stating that he thought the management and the control of the department was not within the scope of the commission, Mr. Broderick read an extract stating it not only lacked sufficient organization, but also seems to lack conscience and inferring that since no discount was allowed for the enormous expenditures that the officials in assisting traders

to get better prices were in other words, serving two masters. The Minister then went into the details of the two specific charges, which in fairness to the officials concerned, must be further investigated. Mr. R. L. Borden replied that it was unusual and a novel procedure for a minister to attack the report of a government commission. "I do not know what this has to do with the delay in bringing down the report, but the minister has committed a grave discourtesy to the House. If the commission's strictures are justified, and I have no reason to say they are not justified, surely the House might have been allowed to examine the report before attacked by the minister."

Mr. Bennett inquired if there was any stricture in the commission's report of the fact that a year ago commissioner was appointed to inquire into the alleged padding of the pay lists at Sorel and payment for material not delivered. The officer in charge was not suspended, although the alleged delinquencies were called in question. Mr. Desbarats was still in charge, because he was a confidant of the Hon. Scott. Mr. Broderick denied that Desbarats was in charge. B. H. Fraser, chief engineer, was the responsible officer. In answer to Bennett, Mr. Broderick said: "There is nothing before me to justify Fraser's suspension. I have confidence in Fraser, though I did not appoint him and will have until I am shown he is not deserving of confidence."

New Dominion



MISS KATE KERRIGAN WHO PLAYS THE HEROINE.

Referring to the "New Dominion" which will be produced here on Monday and Tuesday the Journal says: "Beyond all question there has never been a dramatic performance given in Edmonton that was so charming, so wholesome, so altogether entertaining as that which Clay Clement, the talented actor and playwright, afforded last night, when he presented 'The New Dominion,' a four act comedy drama, picturing the life of old Virginia. The play has well been described as a literary masterpiece, an idyllic love story. But the play would count for little were it not for the fascinating personality of Clay Clement in the role of Baron Von Hohenstaufen, a personification of a simple, manly gentleman and lover. His acting possessed an ease, a naturalness, a charm that carried the audience out of themselves and they responded to varying moods with appreciative laughter or applause. It was a rare treat to the people of Edmonton who were so fortunate as to be present at the Opera House last night, and there were many representatives of the culture of the city Clay Clement's visit to this city will mark with that of Mrs. Pike a year ago, as one of the memorable occasions when a company with players of exceptional talent and refined methods stormed this far northwestern city."

Undoubtedly, so many plays all the interest of the comedy drama does not centre in the leading role. There are other pleasing and typical characters all portrayed by artists of ability. The clerical painter, with the grace and courtly manner of the Virginian of the old school, is admirably depicted by Mr. Arthur Rutledge. Mr. William Conklin as the dissolute young planter was very effective in his part as the villainous minded, who sought to win the Baron's sweetheart by devious methods. The faithful dachy with the southern savor was a part well played by J. J. Sandbrook. H. Gittes Lonsdale and his comely sweetheart were the effective contrast to the serious Baron in love-making scenes, just as gaily portrayed by Miss Kate Kerrigan. The heroines part was charmingly taken up by Miss Katherine Kerrigan, the leading lady of the company whose acting was peculiarly pleasing from its grace and manner and striking beauty won for her the admiration of the audience from her first entrance.

son also deserves the credit of getting this magnificent donation for the city. Ald. Smith first made the suggestion about a year ago and approached the millionaire philanthropist, Mr. Carnegie, it is learned made a careful and complete study of conditions in this city and was in no great hurry about it. He used his own source of information and came to his conclusion.

Carnegie Library for Calgary

The Morning Albertan says: A fifty thousand library for Calgary. Andrew Carnegie has intimated by correspondence to Ald. Smith that he is prepared to give \$50,000 for a library in Calgary, provided that the city will give \$5,000 a year for maintenance.

The conditions have already been met and the result is that there will be a library worthy of this city in a very short time. One of the changes made in the recent charter was that the city should be permitted to levy one-half mill on the dollar for the maintenance of a library. That would amount to almost double the required amount.

There have been some minor objections to receiving assistance from Mr. Carnegie, but the objection has not been at all pronounced. Ald. Smith has done the main part of the work and more than any per-

This Bill Will Legalise Election Frauds

Dominion Election's Act to Help Election Crooks

Winnipeg, March 24.—Before a large and enthusiastic audience Hon. Robert Rogers to-night discussed the provisions of the proposed amendments to the Dominion Elections Act. The meeting was really a reunion of the French Conservative Club, and was addressed with eloquence and force by Aime Benard and Joseph Bernier, M. P. P.

Mr. Rogers created a sensation by simply reciting the provisions of the new Elections Act and explaining what they meant. He showed conclusively that its design must be to steal the representation of Manitoba and British Columbia, and to obtain by fraud means what the government had abandoned all hope of carrying by any other means.

Mr. Rogers' analysis of the clauses of the measure revealed a truly startling condition of affairs. The bill, if it becomes law, would take the control of the lists in Manitoba and British Columbia entirely out of the hands of the provincial authorities, and deliver it to the tender mercies of creatures of the Dominion Government.

The legislation, as Mr. Rogers pointed out, is a pitiful confession of weakness on the part of the Dominion Government, meaning, as it does, that the Liberal party does not hope to carry Manitoba or British Columbia save by resort to desperate measures. But there is another and more serious aspect of the situation and that is the fact that unless the legislation is headed off, the electors of two great western provinces will vote, or not vote, according to the desire of minions of the Federal Government. The bill shows a profound contempt for consistency by coolly

excluding Manitoba and British Columbia from the rights and liberties which other provinces enjoy. While the general election law is good enough for the other provinces, these two are made the victims of special legislation as dangerous as it is arbitrary.

Mr. Rogers made it clear that the proposed legislation formally legalizes the thin red line methods which have become notorious in this province by giving to federal officials the right to put names on and off the list as the humor strikes them. There is no finality about the lists, no security to the elector whose name is properly on no guarantee of the justice to the elector whose name is wrongfully omitted.

Another alarming feature of the bill, as shown by the Minister of Public Works, is the violation of the principle of the secrecy of the ballot. The deputy returning officer is empowered to number the ballots of a person who applies to vote, his name having been omitted from the separate list. In other words the deputy returning officer is placed in a position to trace the vote of every man who goes to the polls.

If anything further were needed to annihilate the secrecy of the ballot, it is to be found in the clause which declared that "no ballot paper shall be rejected on account of any writing number or marks placed thereon by any voter." This is a gross and flagrant violation of the principle of the secrecy of the ballot, and constitutes a gross form of tyranny and intimidation which the Dominion government officials propose to exercise over the elector.

Suffragettes Are Resourceful

The old country suffragettes completely baffled the whole of the police force at Westminster recently and succeeded in addressing both Houses of Parliament.

Shortly before the Commons met, at noon, two women arrived at Vine Wharf, at the foot of Lambeth Bridge with three packets, containing one mile of orange string, a blue and white war-kite, and a large yellow flag, on which was printed in bold black letters, "Votes for Women. Albert Hall."

As Big Ben boomed the hour a mere man who had been impressed for the service, as Suffragettes cannot fly war-kites, ascended to a roof in the wharf, and sent the kite and flag on its journey towards the Victoria Tower, a quarter of a mile away.

It was not long before the police were on the alert and the inspector at Palace Yard in consultation as to how this "breach of privilege" should be dealt with. Crowds of Westminster School boys came to see the flag. Members of Parliament sallied out to the terrace to read it. Passers-by laughed, and the Suffragettes, a quarter of a mile away, smiled at their victory.

Photographs by Wireless

Lecturing before the Royal Photographic Society recently, Mr. T. Thorne Baker said that photographs transmitted by wireless telegraphy were promised in the near future. Indeed, some transmissions had already been made by the Marconi system, the main obstacle being the slowness of the operation.

He Wouldn't Do, Says the Kaiser

Berlin, March 26.—The intimation from the German government that Dr. David Jayne Hill was not regarded as adapted to the post of American ambassador to Germany appears to have been made at the suggestion of Emperor William. His majesty during the months that have elapsed since it was announced in November that Dr. Hill would succeed Charlesgower Tower, the present ambassador, received various impressions adverse to Dr. Hill. It is difficult to trace the origin of these opinions. Some of them came from members of the suite of Prince Henry who saw much of Dr. Hill during their visit to the United States six years ago.

To Preserve Bison

New York, March 26. — The announcement was made last night by Dr. Wm. T. Hornaday, president of the American Bison society, of the completion of plans for the preservation of pure blood American Bison upon a projected permanent National Bison range twelve thousand eight hundred acres in extent, on the Flat-head Indian reservation, in northwestern Montana. Dr. Hornaday said he had been authorized by the society of which he is president to give the federal government a herd of twenty Bison, which upon the permanent range are expected to increase in number to one thousand within the life-time of men now living. President Roosevelt and Earl Grey are honorary officers of the American Bison society each member of which will now be asked to do his best to convince congress that the range in Montana should be purchased at once.

The Federal Line-Up

With the nomination of Mr. Hyndman yesterday the last name was added of the invincible seven who will sweep Alberta from the grasp of the prairie at the next election. The line-up is: Lethbridge—C. A. Macgarath, Can. W. S. Simmons, Lib.; Pincher Creek—J. Hutton, Con.; A. B. MacDonald, Lib.; Calgary—M. S. McCarthy, Con.; Dr. Stewart, Lib.; Banff—Geo. F. Root, Con.; Dr. Clark, Lib.; Strathcona—E. W. Day, Con.; Dr. McIntyre, Lib.; Edmonton—J. D. Hyndman, Con.; Hon. F. Oliver, Lib.

Famous Theatre Burned

London, March 25. — Drury Lane theatre, one of the most famous in London, was practically destroyed by fire this morning. The whole interior was destroyed and the outside walls badly damaged. The flames were first discovered about four o'clock in the morning bursting from the windows of the building. It was then too late to save the structure, which burned fiercely despite all efforts of the fire brigade.

There was no loss of life. The theatre has been closed since the Pantomime ended. It would have been reopened on April 18th. The origin of the fire was unknown.

Drury Lane theatre was first opened in 1664, burned in 1672 and reopened in 1674 with an address by Dryden, who extolled its advantages in location. The burning of the third theatre on the site took place on February 24th 1809. It was the famous Drury Lane theatre that Garrick and Mrs. Siddons used to act in the Kemble.

Railwaymen Drank Formalin

Winnipeg, March 26.—Manzer Webb, 38, foreman of the C. P. R. switching gang, is dead, and Chas. Clark, of the same gang, is dangerously ill, though there are hopes of his recovery from drinking formalin. Clark was unable to give an account, but it appears that the men, between 5 and 6 o'clock while at work, secured a jug from a settlers car on a sidetrack. He presumably mistook it for another jug, from which he had already drunk some medicine. Webb took a drink, and handed a jug to Clark, who took a small drink.

Both were taken violently ill, and were removed to the stock yards office and a doctor summoned, who, after administering restoratives, sent them to the general hospital, where Webb died about 9 last night. It is understood the settler and his car went west last night, and efforts to locate him and secure an explanation failed, but it is believed he has a quantity of formalin for treating wheat.

Matches in the Mail

Ottawa, March 26. — The General Post Office, London, has again called attention to several cases of parcels mailed in Canada addressed to the United Kingdom which on being opened at Liverpool for customs examination have been found to contain matches and fire works.

The enclosing of matches and other inflammable or explosive materials in articles of mail matter, especially in the parcel post mails, is a most serious offense, as it is liable to endanger the safety of vessels and the lives of passengers. The guilty party is liable to long imprisonment.

To Conservatives

A Meeting of the Strathcona Conservative Association will be held in Ross Hall on Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock. It is expected that some prominent speakers from outside will be present to discuss the issue of the day. A full attendance is requested.

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CURRENT COMMENT

The Rev. W. M. Rochester of Winnipeg, Western Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, in the First Presbyterian Church Edmonton, on the aim and work of the Lord's Day Alliance, spoke with a moderation, in his appeal for the observance of the Lord's Day Act, which must commend him to reasonable men.

He called attention to the new found zeal of the Winnipeg police, whose actions, he said, were tending to bring the Lord's Day Act into disrepute. He emphatically declared that the Alliance was not responsible for the action of the Winnipeg police, and he made it plain that the Alliance wanted a reasonable and not a vexatious enforcement of the law.

He put forth a strong plea for a reasonable recognition of the Lord's Day, in the interests of the working-man and of the state, and of a higher life for all men. He stated that the true idea of a Sabbath was to have a day different from the other six, and a better day than the others.

We are glad that laudable outburst at Winnipeg has at last been publicly repudiated by the leaders of the Lord's Day Alliance and we venture to prophesy that if moderation continues in the conduct of the Alliance they will gain the respect and probably the support of the vast majority of the population. Unfortunately in this city the movement so far has not been marked by outstanding moderation. The prosecution of the C. P. T. for attacking a loaded cart was a train of evidence, was no doubt technically justifiable but it was an undoubted staining of the letter of the law. The car had been loaded on Saturday night. The train of evidence was going out anyway.

It seems that to a reasonable man the coupling on of the hell car was not a very deadly sin. Indeed the Biblical placing of the ears of corn was a very close parallel. We had another instance of the Alliance's work here, when they sent for the Mounted Police, to turn out to warn a farmer against endeavoring to take advantage of a fine Sunday and the presence of some friends, to get his crop in. There was little Christian charity or benevolence in that action. We trust, therefore, that Mr. Rochester's moderation may be copied. It would be a good thing for the Alliance, if they were to take the moral, out of the hands of the fanatical and narrow minded faction of their body and place it with the broad-minded rational men who are evidently to be found in their ranks. Then we could look forward to a decent observance of the Sabbath day—the day which the Lord made and with regard to which we are instructed to rejoice and be glad in it.

AUTOMOBILE PROHIBITION

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 26.—A resolution calling for legislation to prohibit the running of automobiles in this province was unanimously passed in the legislature. Members on both sides spoke on the question, the majority favoring the absolute prohibition, others suggesting prohibition for a limited time. The resolution was moved by John Agnew and seconded by D. R. Irving, both Liberals. The premier and the opposition leader spoke in favor of the measure.

With regard to the above report Alderman Tipton has to-day despatched the following letter to Mr. Agnew, Legislative Assembly, Charlottetown, Hon. John Agnew, Member of the P. E. I.,—My Dear Sir—I see by

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Thanking you on behalf of about 10,000 other people in this Province, who are of the same opinion as myself, I remain, Yours truly,
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"This is the time in May," the Blue Heron had said, "that old Morris Park used to open."

And the Englishman seemed to understand, saying, as if stroking him down:

"We'll go Everybody will."

Every body did go: every outlander; diplomatic families from the capital; and from the treaty ports white bankers and merchants, their wives and daughters; and all the new tourists.

When you looked at the scene as a new thing in the East—a "griffin," that there was in it a sort of enchantment in Shanghai or Siam. You might see a near counterpart of this Yokohama race-day, but with its mixing of types, its human fantasia, not elsewhere perhaps in the world.

Little mousmes in kimonos the shade of a dove's breast; tall Chinese with splendid queues all but trailing and field-glasses over their shoulders; Parsas from India, sleek, brown, perfect featured; Japanese coolies in blo uses that reminded one of the Beef-Eaters at London Tower; Cantonese women, serene, incurious, gleaming hair flattened and pinned with jade and silver, balancing in shoes that might have been thimbles; gentlemen riders, English and German, in white breeches, hurrying to their mounts—oh, it was various and pretty enough round by the paddocks and betting-booths as the starter's bell

clanged for the China pony classics! But to the Great Blue Heron (so called because he was always just winging to or from some strange unmapped solitude) now just back from Gobi Desert, and vowing, as was his invariable custom, that nothing would tempt him out of his own civilization again—all that made it worth while was that slope of sunny lawn before the grand stand and the kind of human beings that filled it. They filled it with high hats and black coats, clear spring gowns from New York, London, Paris, Vienna—with the complications and contours and, more than all the fine straight eyes of his own accustomed species.

The Heron you see, was not one who prefers every nation and country to his own.

"It's great!" he exclaimed in simple elation.

He even responded cordially to the tentative salutation of that pushing but mannerly person—reunitee man or beach-comber, whatever he was—the Count Banagos, a wanderer from Europe's bad lands. There are not many of one's own color to play with in the East, and this breeds tolerance of persons, up to a certain point. In regard to Banagos, that point was where meager civilities left off and any attempt of his to cross a domiciliary threshold began. He was what Mrs. Montevaine called "glabrous"—he was shining, sleek, gray-faced, heavy-eyed, wasted. Rather than the Western, he had always the Eastern spirit, the *ju-jitsu* philosophy, which amounts to "conquer by yielding," or seeming to yield in order to obtain an effectual clutch.

The Heron and the Captain passed from the otherwise inspiring level to the paddocks and betting-booths, where, amid the Europeans and the Asiatics, the whites and the yellows, a solitary negro caught attention. The sight of him was to the Heron a suggestion of home, and he was in the mood to greet him as a man and a brother when he saw that the black had his cap off, and that he was bowing with deference before a woman with a race-card in her hand—

a white woman, young almost a girl. Her face was not to be mistaken: friendly, full of health, pure of line, sensitive—American!

I'm afraid the Blue Heron gazed overboard at her, so betrayed had he lately been of seeing the breed of woman that he had grown up thinking the loveliest anywhere.

Radiant, wonderful! Across her level brow there was a look of which he was never to lose the memory. It was a look tender, dreamy, unawakened, of one inwardly dwelling on unrealities, playing with vague indefinite fancies. Somehow, her face was like a crystal, with light sparkling in the depths of a bewildering clearness.

The Heron stood fixed, all astir with pride of the girl as a specimen of his own kind, till he heard one of the Captain's strongest expletives. Banagos was coming up beside her; coming up and confidently remaining by this being who so delighted one's vision.

"The blighter!" complained the Captain indignantly. "I'd jolly well like to advise her about him."

The Blue Heron considered a moment. "Why? She wouldn't thank you. No doubt she's in a condition of pleasant exaltation. She has been observed by a nobleman!"

"Nobleman? The rotter! I knew of him in India!"

"Here he gives out that he's on a diplomatic mission."

"Selling cloth for army overcoats!" "And he has what catches women—a lot of manner!"

"Of sorts," shrugged the Captain. They saw the lucky tout stand away. As he went, they could hear the girl lament to Count Banagos, in a most engaging voice.

"I wonder why I give attention to tips on horses? They only destroy one's judgment!"

In this there seemed to the Heron a touch of character that he liked. A moment after, when the groom summoned the entries called out—smart, good-boned, self-assured, well-conditioned ponies from mid-China—the girl suddenly exclaimed.

"There, there's The Parable!"

Immediately the Heron and the Captain conceived a liking for The Parable. He was a bright brown, with a star and a snip of white down his noble chin. He had a free shastic tread, a "ralliant" bearing, and in his proud head—were full, dark, deep, benign eyes that seemed to see nothing actual, but embraced all, kindly, without understanding. You could fancy as the Heron luminously did a certain affinity, certain points of correspondence, between The Parable and the girl. The Parable, however, was too—a lot of "class," a greyhound delicacy of build yet substance all; so, plenty of breadth through the heart; a soft slope of shoulder; eager sportive, but steady. Which described her also! In her figure covered with finely cut clutches, there was something slight, soft, almost fragile, yet athletic—what sculptors call Parisian, with a strength added, a poise, and a firmness, that are part of the new grace in America.

Indeed, at the window of the "motel" the two friends laid their wagers as much on the girl as on the pony, and they were filled with her when Mrs. Montevaine came up: "Going to the Race Ball?" she inquired.

Now, to have any part in the Race Ball must engage your daunces ages ahead, and when you have entered your name on the cards of all those you ought to dance with, and of all those you want to dance with, there is little leeway for change. This works a hardship sometimes—especially to those who have recently arrived.

"I have this new girl in tow," she proclaimed in tender anxiety (Mrs. Montevaine took everybody's difficulties to heart except her own). "Of course the count is filling out her card, for he has been rubbed off several by the husbands and brothers. I released some of my own partners to check him."

"Tell about her," demanded the Heron.

"Miss Constant, of Detroit—of the blood of the old voyageurs. Just out of school, with a record in the broad jump and the right to wear an 'X' on her sweater. Her mother is taking baths at Chuzenji. They brought notes to me from home and I asked her down for race week. She seems normal and balanced—rich; but vexatiously young."

The Blue Heron objected. "I mean well, see whom she's with now!"

Then Mrs. Montevaine regarded the Blue Heron a moment with sudden premonitory interest. "I'm afraid to say a word to her," she resumed, with considerable procrastination. "I'm afraid she might fancy she was being opposed and dictated to, or that if she heard his story she might conclude him 'interesting'; and how fatal that would be!"

"What a terrible perplexity," the Heron remarked.

Mrs. Montevaine seemed visibly drooping from the weight of her new solicitude. "They were at Chuzenji together. I don't believe she likes him—but to a girl every man, even a scoundrel, is still a lover. Besides, we don't know what cannot be relieved, and she is so kind!"

She raised her parasol, glancing at the Heron.

"She ought to be cautioned," declared the downright Captain.

"Captain," she pleaded, "help me try ridicule. Nothing is so effective as ridicule from a man. We will take care of this, you and I. The Heron can be of no use to us—he's so full of zeniths and nadirs, lines of latitude and longitude, and how to project the spherical on a flat surface."

"Besides," the Heron genially coincided, "the Captain is a famous strategist."

"Quite so," remarked the Captain, with conviction.

He turned absently to where the ponies were parading past. Almost immediately they were approached by the negro, who accented the Heron exactly:

"Sum'n better than Parable this mornin', suh," he declared.

"What makes you think so?"

"That German with spurs can't ride that pony, suh. Hol' your money, suh, till the owner rides him for the

Cop. That pony takes small handling. You got to have the right kind o' hand and heel, or he won't go no way. I watched him this mornin', suh, and he's full of whims as—"

"A woman! You can't love him, and this German he don't know. You got to suggest to that pony and let him make up his own mind, like as if he was doin' it of his own free will. He

suh, he's notional, suh, and he won't take no whip or spur now!"

The Blue Heron stood still, as if his fight were kind by a sudden impulse. His fancy that there were points of correspondence between this clever pony and the girl extended itself almost fantastically. There was for him a dull significance in the negro's words, "You got to suggest to that pony, and let him make up his own mind as if of his own free will"—why, The Parable might interpret for him something of the girl's temper. He laughed at the notion, then gave the black a yes.

"I like your tip," said the Heron, looking unaccountably jolly. To him self added, "It may yet be of use to Mrs. Montevaine."

There was a reasonably fair stock, and The Parable got off well. One could see that he knew his business but he plainly labored against some restraint, resentment, disinclination. It might have been temper, it might have been temperament. Or it might have resulted from the method of riding, which was imperative and punishing. So much so that the American girl broke out—"Oh, oh, how silly!"

(To be continued.)

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The funeral of Mrs. Longborough leaves the residence of the deceased's parents Wye Road to-morrow at 10 a.m. and the Catholic Church at 10.30 a.m.

The Strathcona Druggists trimmed the Edmonton druggists last night at hockey, with a score of seven goals to two goals. Bellamy was the bright particular star.

The Grandin Street Literary Society have an open evening to-night in the Assembly Hall, Grandin Street School, when an attractive program will be presented. The hour is eight o'clock and the price of admission 25 cents.

The services in the Church of Christ Waterdale, on Sunday next will be: Worship Meeting at 11 a.m.; Sunday School at 3 p.m.; Gospel Proclamation at 7.30 p.m. Mr. C. C. Mitchell will be the speaker. On Wednesday night a prayer and praise meeting will be held.

A most enjoyable social was held last evening by the members of L.O. L. 1634. There was a good turn out of the brethren and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Provincial Grand Master Carmichael was present and gave a short address. It is the intention of the lodge to hold another one of these in the near future.

That there are more lady hockey players in Strathcona than have already appeared in public was demonstrated last night when a team picked from the two teams that have already demonstrated their prowess on Strathcona ice went down to defeat 3 goals to 1 before a score of the fair sex who have been following the example of their fox-lying low and saying nothing.

DIED.

VARNUM—At Strathcona March 27, aged 48, Daniel P. Varnum, Funeral from family residence Dugan Street South, at 3 p.m. Saturday March 28. Rev T. J. Johnston will officiate.

Charge of Witchcraft

Windsor, Ont., March 24.—Mrs. C. Becker, of this city, charged with witchcraft and sorcery. Information was laid by Lizzie Battain from whom Mrs. Becker is said to have taken \$50 at various times, and there are other witnesses. The evidence of the police expect to be able to "produce" is that one woman enlisted Mrs. Becker's assistance to win back the affections of a lover. Various expedients are said to have been employed, each costing money but none of them proved efficacious.

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